My Chinese New Year Celebration Fact-File

Learning objective: I can explain how Chinese New Year is celebrated and why it is an important festival.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Encourage your child to look at a calendar to see how lunar dates differ from the solar calendar we use.

Today, we are learning about Chinese New Year, a festival celebrated by millions of people around the world. Use this template to record what you have discovered.

Example: If asked about symbols, you might write: 'The colour red is used to bring good luck and joy.'

Word bank: Lunar Calendar · Red Envelopes · Zodiac · Lion Dance · Prosperity · Lanterns

1. The Date: Chinese New Year follows the moon. Explain why the date changes every year. (2 marks)

2. Family Traditions: Describe one special activity families do together to prepare for the festival. (2 marks)

3. Symbols of Luck: Why is the colour red used so much during this celebration? (2 marks)

4. The Zodiac Animals: List three animals from the Chinese zodiac and explain which one represents your birth year. (3 marks)

5. Reflect and Connect: Compare the way Chinese New Year is celebrated to a special festival your own family enjoys. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a traditional dragon or a red lantern to decorate your fact-file.

Extension challenge: Research which animal represents the year you were born and write a short poem about that animal's special personality traits.

I did it! **Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

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